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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-first session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 5 to 23 August 2002. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 August.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 and to the annex which contains a tentative timetable for the consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for the consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue, pursuant to the review procedure.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.

7. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories in which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003); Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

9. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of the officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer, or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the sixty-first session. It will also undertake a thematic discussion on the concept of descent. Furthermore, it will review its working methods and the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights. The Committee will have before it two working documents prepared by Mr. Valencia Rodríguez, relevant General Assembly resolutions, as well as an advance version of the report of the 14th meeting of the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies and of the first inter-Committee meeting.

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning measures and urgent action procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts or it may decide to initiate urgent action procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention. The Committee may also take action or further action regarding States parties already considered under this item.

Furthermore, the Committee may, at its discretion, schedule the consideration of the situation in some States parties at short notice.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its sixty-first session, the Committee will consider initial and periodic reports received from the following States parties: Canada, Senegal, Armenia, Uganda, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, Hungary, Estonia, Botswana and Mali. It will also undertake a review of the implementation of the Convention in the following States parties for which periodic reports are seriously overdue: Fiji, Côte d'Ivoire, Tajikistan, Ecuador and Madagascar.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee. The scheduling of the Committee's consideration of reports submitted and review of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties whose reports are excessively overdue is set forth in the timetable below.

5. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its sixty-first session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/433). Part A of that document indicates reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories in which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/414) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003); Follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session), in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Second Decade and subsequently the Programme of Action for the Third Decade.

The Secretariat will brief the Committee on follow-up activities to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

9. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention

Annex

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports, comments and further information submitted by States parties and for consideration of States parties whose reports are seriously overdue pursuant to the review procedure

The following timetable has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its sixth session.

Monday, 5 August 2002		**(1525th meeting)**
p.m.	Canada	Thirteenth and fourteenth periodic reports due in 1995 and 1997, submitted in one document (CERD/C/320/Add.5)
Tuesday, 6 August 2002		**(1526th and 1527th meetings)**
a.m.	Canada	(continued)
p.m.	Senegal	Eleventh to fifteenth periodic reports, due from 1993 to 2001, submitted in one document (CERD/C/408/Add.2)
Wednesday, 7 August 2002		**(1528th and 1529th meetings)**
a.m.	Senegal	(continued)
	Fiji[a]	
p.m.	Armenia	Third and fourth periodic reports due in 1998 and 2000, submitted in one document (CERD/C/372/Add.3)
Thursday, 8 August 2002		**(1530th and 1531st meetings)**
a.m.	Armenia	(continued)
	Côte d'Ivoire[a]	
p.m		Thematic discussion on discrimination on the ground of descent

Friday, 9 August 2002		**(1532nd and 1533rd meetings)**
a.m.		Thematic discussion on discrimination on the ground of descent (continued)
p.m.	Uganda	Second to tenth periodic reports, due from 1983 to 1999, submitted in one document (CERD/C/358/Add.1)
Monday, 12 August 2002		**(1534th and 1535th meetings)**
a.m.	Uganda	(continued)
	Tajikistan[a]	
p.m.	Yemen	Eleventh to fourteenth periodic reports, due from 1993 to 1999, submitted in one document (CERD/C/362/Add.8)
Tuesday, 13 August 2002		**(1536th and 1537th meetings)**
a.m.	Yemen	(continued)
p.m.	Saudi Arabia	Initial and second periodic reports, due in 1998 and 2000, and submitted in one document (CERD/C/370/Add.1)
Wednesday, 14 August 2002		**(1538th and 1539th meetings)**
a.m.	Saudi Arabia	(continued)
p.m.	New Zealand	Twelfth to fourteenth periodic reports, due from 1995 to 1999, submitted in one document (CERD/C/362/Add.10)
Thursday, 15 August 2002		**(1540th and 1541st meetings)**
a.m.	New Zealand	(continued)
p.m.	Hungary	Fourteenth to seventeenth periodic reports, due from 1996 to 2002, submitted in one document (CERD/C/431/Add.1)

Friday, 16 August 2002		**(1542nd and 1543rd meetings)**
a.m.	Hungary	(continued)
p.m.	Estonia	Fifth periodic report due in 2000, (CERD/C/373/Add.2)
Monday, 19 August 2002		**(1544th and 1545th meetings)**
a.m.	Estonia	(continued)
p.m.	Botswana	Sixth to fourteenth periodic reports, due from 1985 to 2001, submitted in one document (CERD/C/407/Add.1)
	Madagascar[a]	
Tuesday, 20 August 2002		**(1546th and 1547th meetings)**
a.m.	Botswana	(continued)
p.m.	Mali	Seventh to fourteenth periodic reports, due from 1987 to 2001 (CERD/C/407/Add.2)
Wednesday, 21 August 2002		**(1548th and 1549th meetings)**
a.m.	Mali	(continued)
	Ecuador[a]	

Note

[a] Review procedure (for States parties whose reports are seriously overdue).